contracts for the supply, erection and commissioning of 33 and 11 KV substations.

(e) and (f) BHEL is already catering to Transmission and Distribution Business with its systems and products such as High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) and High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Systems, Compensations and Improvement Systems, Transformers, Switchgear, Controls, Capacitors, Insulators, Energy Meters etc. Besides, it has also the experience of managing its own delegated distribution networks in its manufacturing units and townships. Leveraging these strengths, BHEL is hopeful of addressing the emerging business opportunities.

HMT, Bangalore

1331. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land in possession of the Hindustan Machine Tools at Bangalore at its township and Jalahalli in the city;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that the HMT Management intends to sell 87 acres of land; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) HMT and its subsidiary companies have in their possession 528.90 acres of land at Jalahalli, Bangalore as on date.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As a part of implementation of turn around plan for revival of HMT Ltd., the Company intends to dispose of surplus non-performing assets, including land, to discharge various liabilities of the company.

Production of diesel engines

1332. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diesel engine production units in the country;

(b) the number of diesel engines produced in each of these units during the last three years;

(c) the performance of these units in exporting diesel engines during the above period;

(d) whether Government are assisting these units to improve the technology for production of diesel engines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) According to Indian Diesel Engine Manufacturers Association (IDEMA), there are about 200 diesel manufacturing units in the country which produce approximately 10 lakh units per annum of diesel engines of varying capacity for different uses including automotive sector. However, production of the 40 major reporting diesel engine manufacturing units along with the export of diesel engines during the last 3 years are as under:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Production	5,24,137	5,57,897	5,87,315
Export	25,947	28,538	29,917

(d) and (e) Under the liberalized regime, export promotion measures available to other industries are also available to the diesel engine industries. The units are free to import suitable technology.

Bharat Wagon and Engineering Co. Limited

1333. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been sent by his Ministry to the Railways to take over Wagon Manufacturing Units of Bharat Wagons and Engineering Limited, a subsidiary of BBUNL;

(b) if so, whether similar proposals for taking over other two wagon making units *viz.*. Burn Standard and Braithwaite of BBUNL, have also been sent; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?